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wrath to the second officer; " get to your cabin, and stop there ! "

Borupt's blunder was so patent that not one of the crew dared to protest, although they were all ready to stand by him if he had given them the word. He obeyed, however, and went back to the poop\*

What was possible to do, Captain Gould did. He trimmed all the canvas that the *Flag* could carry, and succeeded in bringing her up without being obliged to cut away the rigging. The ship no longer lay broadside on to the sea.

For three consecutive days they had to run before the storm in constant peril. During almost the whole of that time Susan and Jenny and Dolly were" obliged to keep to their cabins, while Fritz, Frank, and James Wolston helped in the various operations.

At last, on the 13th of September, an abatement of the storm came. The wind dropped, and although the sea did not immediately drop too, at last the waves no longer swept the deck of the *Flag*.

The ladies hurried .eagerly out of their cabins. They knew what had taken place between the captain and the second officer, and why the latter

had been removed from his post. Robert  
Borrupt's  
fate would be decided by a naval court  
when they  
got back.

There was much damage to the canvas  
to be made  
good, and John Block, who was in  
charge of this